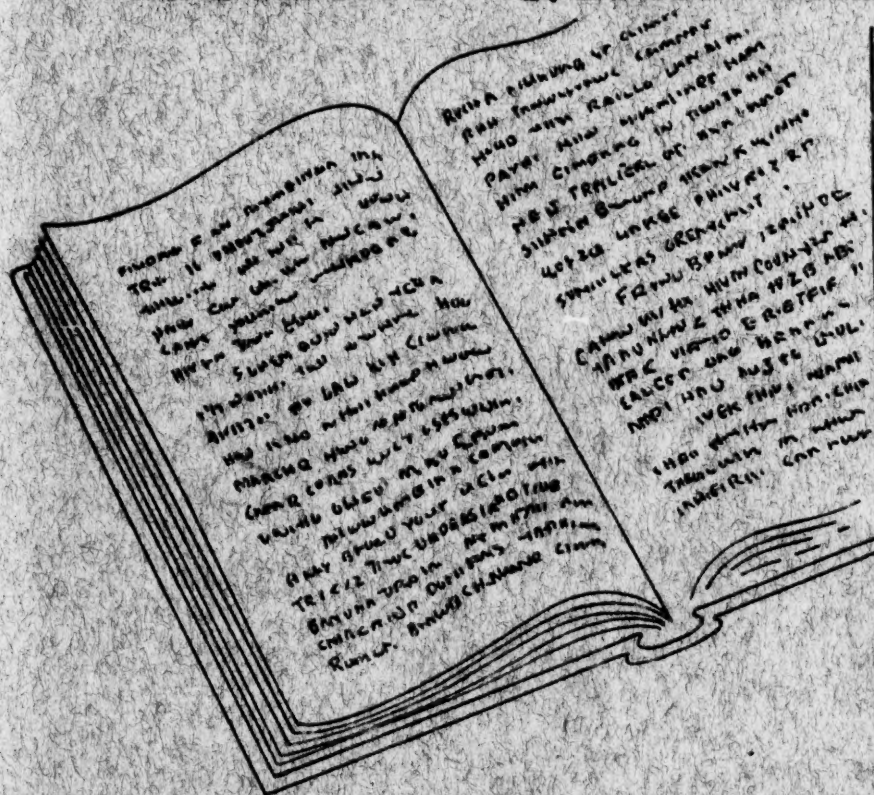
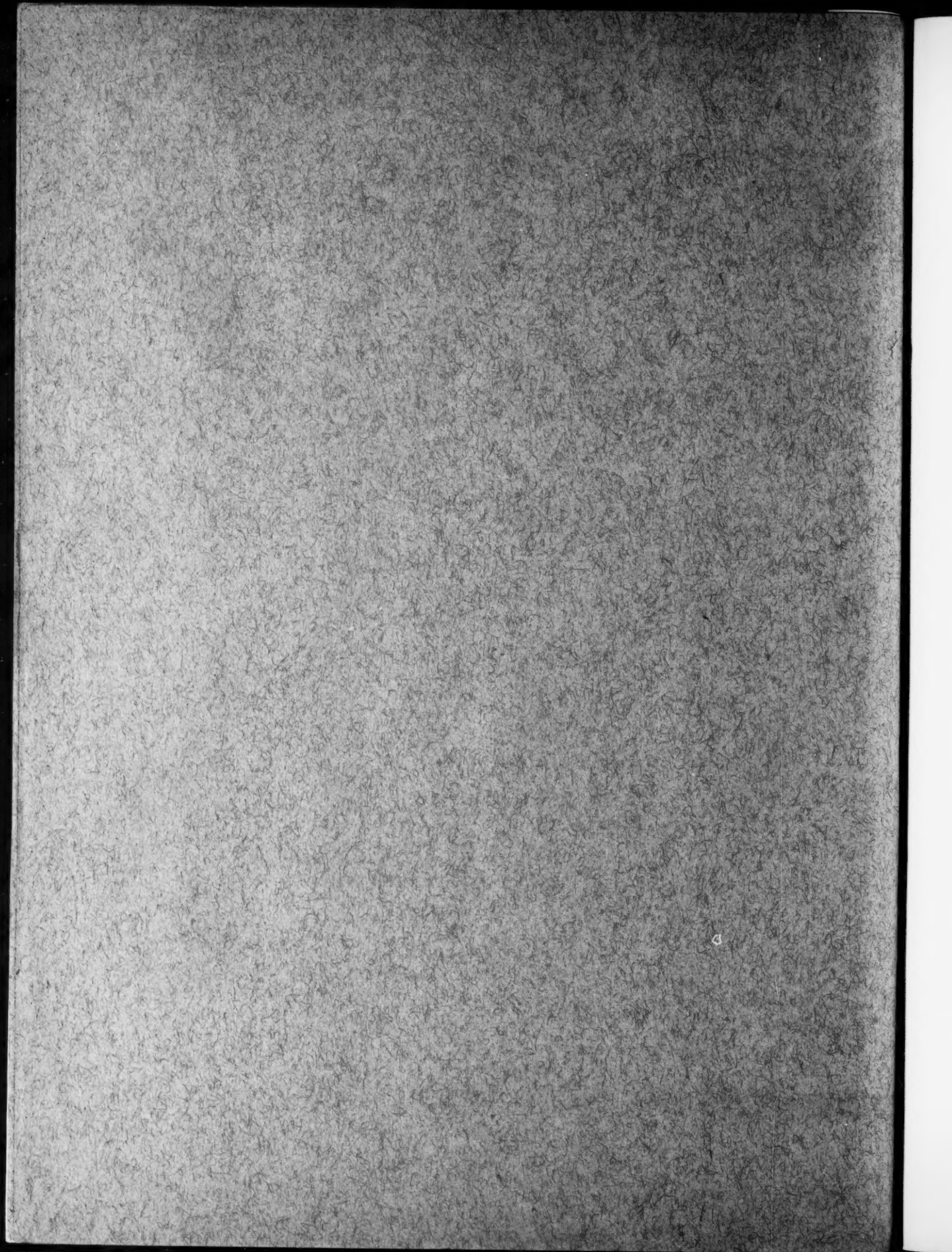


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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



With the welcome appearance of spring we once more realize it is time to renew old friendships and make new ones at the annual Montana State Library Association convention in May. This year we meet in Livingston where the local committee under the guidance of Mrs. Helen Ross, Librarian, and Mrs. Lloyd Griffith, Chairman of the Library Board, has made many plans for our comfort and pleasure. The program, arranged by the MSLA Board, the Montana Association of School Li-

brarians, and the Friends of the Library, has been planned to present a meeting of interest to all librarians, Friends and trustees. We feel we are most fortunate in our speakers and discussion leaders. All that is needed for a highly successful meeting is a large attendance to listen and to join in the discussion. Read carefully the preliminary program printed in this Quarterly and then promptly make plans to join us May 1 - 3 in Livingston.

Margaret Hileman

MSLA Ballot

Active members of the M.S.L.A. will receive with this issue a copy of the ballot for the election of new officers. Please mark this and send it to Mrs. Robert F. Herrig, Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, by April 15, 1959.

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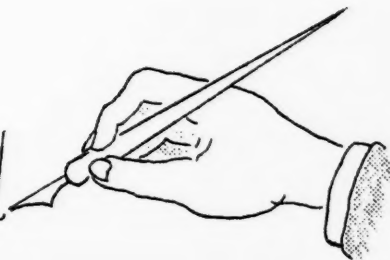
President Eisenhower has asked for \$5,150,000 for the LSA for the next fiscal year. Our delegates in Congress are all in favor of the full \$7,500,000 which was promised in the first place, but do let's all write them and remind them that we are too. Also we can use this opportunity to thank them for past help.

- DATES TO REMEMBER -

APRIL 12-18.. NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

MAY 1-3.. MSLA MEETING, LIVINGSTON

Editorial



By the time this Quarterly is in the hands of the membership, the 1959 legislative session will be over. It is probably kindest to draw a veil over what went on in Helena this time. Recriminations are pointless, for if any are made, they should be directed at us, the citizens of Montana. We sent these people to the legislature; we expected them to do an impossible task in an impossibly short time with an impossibly small amount of factual information and skilled help. If we want our responsible, representative government to survive, we cannot just sit back and toss brickbats. It would seem that state government is a good subject for study and action by the League of Women Voters.

It is of course true, as political scientists consistently point out, that changing the devices of government will not guarantee good government. The latter comes only when an organized citizenry demands it. But there are some things that can be done to improve the organization of our state government, that would make it easier for the legislature to do its best. One thing needed is a new, modern, streamlined constitution drawn up by experts. Our United States Constitution was written in the 18th century by men of the Age of Reason who knew how to express themselves clearly and concisely and who understood what such a document should and, equally important, should not contain. Our Montana constitution was drawn up in the

fuzzy-minded 19th century, when it was believed that every i should be dotted and every t crossed. When the day comes that we shall have a constitutional convention, we must be very sure that the people we send to it are thoroughly informed and have the advice of experts.

State government has become big business, and it is not only ridiculous, it is irresponsible, to think that a group of people meeting for 60 days every two years can conduct it satisfactorily. Conditions change rapidly in this 20th century world and it is impossible for legislators to guess needs two years ahead. We should have annual legislatures and we should pay the members an annual salary so that we have a right to expect more of their time.

Lastly we should have some way of preparing our legislators for their task. They should be people of intelligence with special training for the work. They should not only be required to attend instructional sessions on the various problems of the State and alternative ways of meeting them, but they should have access to the services of disinterested experts on the different phases, who can advise them as need arises.

These suggestions will doubtless cost something, but in the long run they will save Montana money by lessening the chance of tragic mistakes and of that old Montana habit of "too little too late".

BOOKS I'VE ENJOYED---

John E. Moore*

The other day I picked up in the library a book by one Walter Magnes Teller (whom I didn't know at all) called THE SEARCH FOR CAPTAIN SLOCUM. What I had found was an old friend indeed; it was as though I had picked up the next chapter of Slocum's own book, SAILING ALONE AROUND THE WORLD, a book I pick up and love every year, as fine a book as I know to run away to. And it's one which has always left me with a picture and a question: the picture of Captain Slocum sailing through the days and nights with no one at the helm of his little ship, reading away with relish and, I feel, that obsessive appetite that attacks all lovers of the books. The question was always a puzzler: what kind of man was this Nova Scotian Yankee who with so little apparent fanfare took off alone around the world as easily as one might walk next door? Mr. Teller's book tries to get at some of the answers but misses happily, since it seems to me the question is one that "hadn't ought to" have an answer, ever. I want to go on reading Slocum whenever the mood takes me and I don't really want an answer.

And that, I suppose, is the way it has been with a great part of the reading I have done and enjoyed. I have a hatred and a suspicion of the planned programs, the Reading for Culture sort of thing, the quick and easy way to make talk with your friends or find a higher place in

your life. Or the Book Clubs. I wish to have that last wild anarchy of doing what I please with myself before it is too late (and it's awfully late these days).

So that what I take for my own are mostly the old books; I've given up the game of staying abreast of a world which is too fast and too silly to suit me. When Captain Slocum (who hated his world too) leaves me I return to one of the others year in and year out: Thoreau. THE MAINE WOODS is wonderful indeed; movement added to the granite of what is most obvious without being common in WALDEN. CAPE COD is another. That world is indeed gone, the walker's world where there were lanes and dusty roads and the empty beaches of Cape Cod; but the vision of the man remains always--hard and exacting, loving his little world with respect and not simpering compromise.

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Or Sarah Orne Jewett, from whom Willa Cather learned so much from so deep a respect for her work. I seem to run to the North, while the winter stays and the desire is often toward the absent sun; but DEEPHAVEN and, of course, THE COUNTRY OF THE POINTED FIRS might have become distilled and calmed and made smaller, like a miniature, by a woman. And, of course, my liking for that gone time is nostalgia--the thing all books fill in one way or another.

One winter when I was young and staying the cold months in Florida (my mother tutored me since this was a boom year and the schools were full indeed) my father sent me Ernest Thompson Seton's ROLF IN THE WOODS. If I managed my lessons well, Mother read a chapter or so in the book at the end of our school session. I suppose what I

remember now (I haven't read the book for many a year) is the strange juxtaposition of this tale of the North Woods long ago--full of trailings and trappings and Indians--with the warm afternoons there in Florida where we played cowboys around the orange trees or sat on the rim of the discard bin of the packing house near by to get the ripe oranges as they came out. Somehow the woods where Rolf moved in the snows of winter are, for me, full of hibiscus and poinsettia and orange groves.

Or the sense of memory I get in a book when I remember, for but the slightest reason, the edition I had in hand at the time. The Heinemann edition of Willa Cather's DEATH COMES FOR THE ARCHBISHOP was one of those: somewhere in it there was a full page, at first glance blank like a mistake; then, down along

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the bottom were the little rounded mounds of dwarf firs and in their midst, not much larger, the figure of the archbishop on his burro. There it was, all the sky in the world, and the little land under it, and the man, made meaningful by the enormous size he didn't have. Surely this is no sane way to come to literary criticism but in a private world, this is certainly one of the forms the meaning of that good book takes.

The line drawings in the first edition of J. Frank Dobie's *CORONADO'S CHILDREN* had something of this effect too, though more obvious and resting more on the ancient drama of that book of lost mines and buried treasures (a poor man's Freud, maybe). But this is another book—like Dobie's companion piece, *APACHE GOLD AND YAQUI SILVER*—to which I return for no reason at all but to indulge for a lost moment in

a memory of that wild land. I found fool's gold once in a box canyon of the Superstition Mountains, somewhere near at hand—say a millenium away—where the Old Dutchman had his mine. It stays in the blood, like the remembered break of waves on the shores of a sea where you have been young and the world was like the books and the books were like the world. And perhaps in that wild dream everything would be there, waiting to be discovered; almost the way it still seems to me at the right moment when I pick up that greatest of old travel collections: Richard Hakluyt's *THE PRINCIPAL NAVIGATIONS, VOYAGES, TRAFFIQUES, AND DISCOVERIES OF THE ENGLISH NATION*. There's a most happy cookiness—like Thoreau's—in the very title of such a work.

And that, perhaps, is all I can ask any more from the books—the impossible hanging on of the illusion that means life; this is what the books hold for me.

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Constance E. Piccioni
State Secretary

Last year librarians throughout the United States had, in National Library Week, a unique opportunity to advertise their services. Montana librarians responded with overwhelming enthusiasm. Effective and original publicity ideas came in from all corners of the state, and our libraries joined with more than 5,000 others in a concerted effort to attract attention to libraries and to the values and pleasures of reading.

We have not forgotten that it was a time-consuming program. It took extra hours and extra work for many of us, but the combined results of gains in registration, increased circulation, and new friends for our libraries, convinced us that, although the effort was tremendous, so were the rewards. Now we are about to swing into the second, greatly expanded national reading promotion week.

From reports being received by your committee, we know that many of you are already in the final stage of planning. This year we are having fine cooperation from the Montana Student Librarians, who are sponsoring a state-wide publicity contest for National Library Week. Highlighting their activities will be special publicity in high school papers; skits, written and directed by high school students to be given for elementary grades; well organized window displays; poster con-

tests, with the winning posters being shown in store windows.

From all sides have come reports of excellent cooperation from Friends, Jayceens, and from other clubs. These organizations are sponsoring National Library Week events in some of our libraries, and they are accepting librarians on their own programs during that week. Book store cooperation has been admirable.

Our chief aim is to develop an interest in books. We want a strong and growing reading public. National Library Week is a fine opportunity to remind our people that freedom to read is one of their greatest privileges.

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Bill Pate

It doesn't seem possible that the time for another MSLA convention has rolled around, but here we are, all ready to take off for Livingston. Your convention committee has worked hard to prepare a program that will be worthwhile, but unless all of you attend and contribute to the meetings, the committee's work will go for naught. So, I hope to see all of you in Livingston on Saturday May 2 or perhaps for the entire meeting beginning with Friday night's dinner. The school librarians' day will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday with a showing of the film, "The Carpet Under Every Classroom." If you haven't seen this excellent film, you will, I know, recognize its possibilities for public relations value. At 9:45 we'll have the highlight of our day when we hear an address by Eleanor Ahlers, executive secretary of AASL. Miss Ahlers will speak to a joint meeting of school and public librarians on cooperation between the two. Those who have heard Miss Ahlers say that she is an inspired and inspiring speaker. At 1:45 we will have a panel on public relations. This panel will be Chairmanned by the very able Laurel High School librarian, Mrs. Greenleaf. This panel will delve into methods for "selling" our program to students, teachers, administrators, school boards, and lay groups. There will be an exhibit prepared by this committee for the group's enjoyment. Miss Ahlers will serve as a consultant on this panel. The school librarians will attend the luncheon at 12:00 and will be excused at

1:00 for a 1:15 meeting. This meeting will be a symposium on the school library committee and the new library manual; it will be chairmanned by the able and charming Elene Morrison. At 2:30 the entire convention will hear a talk on books of the Northwest by Professor Dusenberry of MSC. Following Professor Dusenberry's talk, we will have our business meeting. That will close the school librarians' day. Of course, the convention program will continue on into Saturday evening with a banquet featuring Margaret Scherrf as speaker. Altogether, I believe the day will be worth the time, money, and effort to "Come to Livingston." See you.

This is the last column I will be writing for MLQ under the MASL by line. I've had a wonderful year!

Because of my chairmanship, I've met so many wonderful people either in person or by mail that I would never have met. I've never worked with a group of people like librarians for pitching in without a complaint to do the job that has to be done by someone. Not one person has turned down my request for help just because they didn't want to take the time and effort to do the job. I have grown tremendously in these twelve months, professionally-wise and I am more proud than ever to say, "I am a librarian." The many things we have to do have just been started and I know that my successor, "Tish" Johnson will move our organization forward many steps in the coming months. There are a few recommendations that I would like to make and I hope it will not be presumptuous for me to do so.

First, we must decide whether we want to have divisional dues and what those dues shall be (this will be brought before our business meeting).

Second, I feel we should make a request for an operating budget from our parent organization and decide what areas should be borne by them (expense-wise) and what areas our organization should take on.

Thirdly, the present constitutional committee would, I believe, continue to serve and would in the next year present a constitution for adoption by the membership.

There is a need for the appointment of individuals throughout the state to initiate publicity for our group.

I would recommend eventually that our organization construct a regular newsletter or magazine that will be sent to all members.

We need to help our chairman and chairman-elect attend regional and national conventions and state

assembly meetings in order for our association to be represented on national boards. Librarians in this state have as much to offer as librarians in other states.

Our association should perform such services as preparing bibliographies of state literature and the like.

I'm sure Lesley is tearing her hair apart by now so I must ring off. Thank you all for many kindnesses..

(Editor's Note: Hair well under control! From the Editor's standpoint, I want to thank Bill for his hard work, and the promptness with which he has sent in his material. He has given MASL a good start.)

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AMONG FRIENDS

Beverly Bemis

What a marvellous response you people made to the recent call for action on behalf of the State Library Extension Commission's budget. Carrie Koestner and I went over to Helena and talked with our legislators and without exception we found that they had already heard of our needs. Letters, and many of them, were received from every part of the state and these letters invariably showed that the people who wrote them were deeply concerned about better libraries for everyone in Montana. One senator was much amused to have received a letter from a bookmobile borrower who now lives in Idaho. At the time of this writing, we do not know what the budget will be but we do know that the men who represent us in Helena are well aware now of the importance of books and libraries to the people in Montana.

This month we have another opportunity to let people know that we believe in books, reading and libraries. National Library Week will be celebrated April 12th to 18th. Here is an opportunity for all friends to participate in a nation and state-wide celebration that will direct people's attention to the personal rewards and democratic values of books and reading, and to the services and needs of our libraries. If there is a library in your community you will want to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with any program that your librarian is planning. But, in addition to this, and for you who

have no local library, here is the opportunity to bring your own belief in the necessity for a "Better-read, better-informed America" to the clubs and organizations to which you belong. You will want to use your influence to see that such clubs have, during the month, a program devoted to books and libraries; or, if that cannot be arranged, at least a mention of books and libraries at one of their scheduled meetings. And you will want to help see that these library and reading programs are given wide publicity.

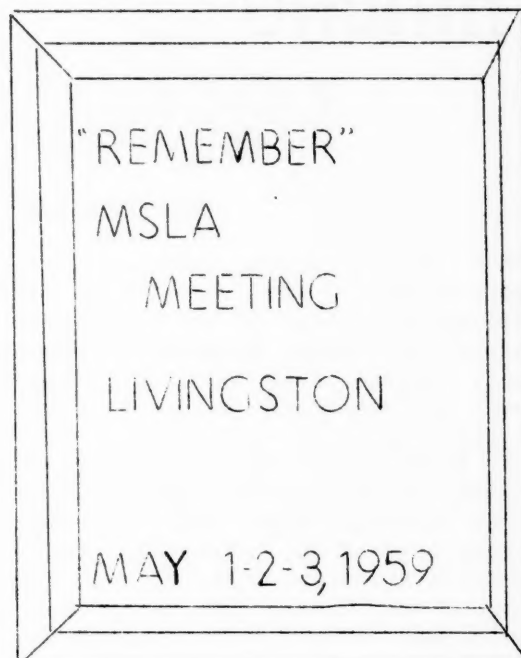
And here is another date for your calendar! On May 1, 2, 3, our own association, the Montana State Library Association, is meeting in Livingston. All of you should plan to attend. The program is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Quarterly. There will be a luncheon program especially for the Friends on Saturday noon and a Saturday morning business meeting. The speakers at the luncheon are well-informed, enthusiastic people from whom you will get both inspiration and ideas. Other sessions will also be of interest to the Friends. I want to direct your attention especially to the Community Participation Workshop which Alma Jacobs is conducting on Friday and, for those of you who are particularly interested in school libraries, to the Saturday morning session with Miss Eleanor Ahlers as speaker.

However it is not only the planned programs that make a state convention so very worthwhile. This is our one chance to meet library friends from all over the state, to discuss with them what they are doing and to get help with formulating our own plans. I do hope that I shall meet many of you there.

WHITEFISH DOES IT AGAIN!!

Once again the Whitefish Public Library under Mabel Engelter has made the national news. This time it has shown how a well-written, well-organized, illustrated report can bring good publicity. Her 1957 Report, showing progress since 1917, and the very rapid growth after passage of the LSA, was sent to the Library Service Branch of the U.S. Office of Education. They elected to reproduce it and to send it over the whole country as an example of community cooperation assisted by the LSA. Mrs. Engelter makes the statement in this Report, "Personally, my own feeling is that the Whitefish Public Library has advanced 20 years by the Library Demonstration program... But the job is only half done. The real challenge is now the **responsibility** of extending greater service to one and all."

Well done, Mabel! I'm sure we'll continue to hear from Whitefish.



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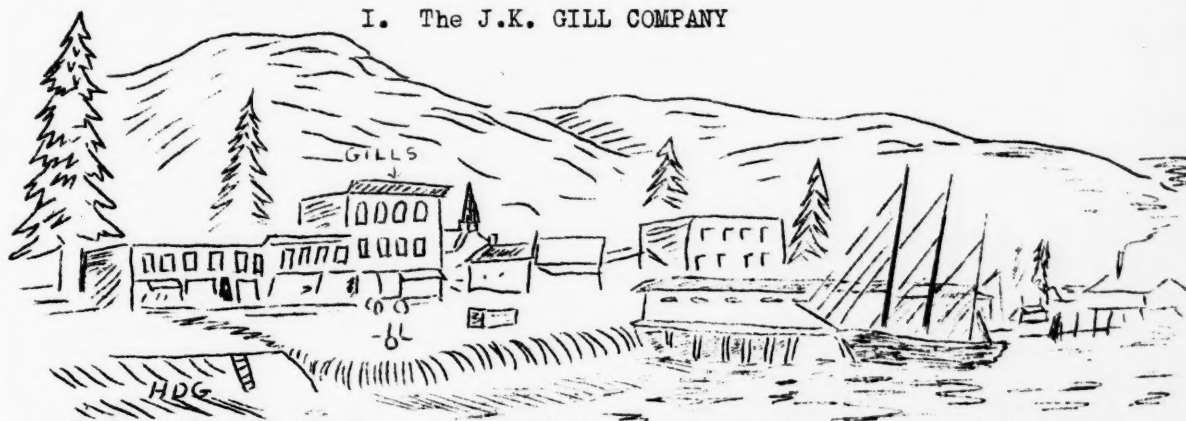
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(Editor's Note: With this issue we are beginning a series of short articles on our own advertisers, which we think will be of interest to our membership. We are indebted to Mr. Harold Gill, Chairman of the Board, for the information on which this article is based)

I. The J.K. GILL COMPANY



Before the Civil War an English family named Gill settled in Massachusetts. One of the sons, Joseph Kaye Gill, was still a boy, so that his formative years were spent in the new country. In 1865 he accepted a teaching position at Willamette University and made the long journey to the little town of Salem, Oregon. Apparently teaching did not offer him the outlet he desired, for two years later he became manager of a small store. Here his bent was clearly shown, for the little business grew and prospered. It developed into an excellent small book and stationery business.

At the time, Portland was beginning to develop into the leading community of the Pacific Northwest, and in 1870 it had a population of 10,000 - a large figure for those days. Railroads were beginning to come in, and ships came up the Columbia to the straggling town to discharge their merchandise and to load lumber and grain. Mr. Gill saw the promise in the bustling little town at the confluence of the Willamette and the Columbia rivers and in 1870 he moved his business to Portland.

Oregon has always had the reputation of being more interested in cultural things than its neighbor north of the Columbia, and Mr. Gill had made no mistake in his calculations. In the early 1880's John Gill joined his brother in the business and they expanded into wholesale books, stationery and office supplies. The trade area was Oregon, Washington and parts of Idaho. As the river town grew and expanded back into the hills, Gill's grew with it, moving to different locations as the need arose. The Carnegie library movement brought a prompt response when the J. K. Gill Company set up a library department to take care of this growing business. A school textbook department followed and this has grown into the largest textbook depository in the Pacific Northwest, with 66 publishers represented.

In 1922 Gill's built their present ten-story building in the heart of downtown Portland. The retail book department occupies half of the street floor and the wholesale and library section takes up the whole of the sixth floor plus some additional warehouse space. In 1952

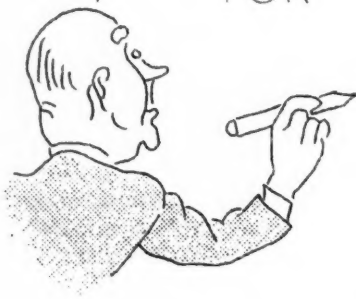
the modern one-story warehouse on Industrial Avenue was erected to accommodate the textbook depository and the stationery stocks, school and office furniture, etc.

The J. K. Gill Company now has a large branch in downtown Seattle and a big clientèle in Alaska also.

Relationships between book dealers and librarians can and often do become close and friendly. Fortunate is that business that can boast of continuity of **service on the part of** its best employees. Gill's had the good fortune to hire, early in 1902, Miss Jane Allen, who, because of her interest in books and of the help she gave librarians, was soon put in charge of the library department. This was just the spot for her Irish friendliness and her innate intelligence, and here she served Gill's and the librarians of

the Pacific Northwest until her death on December 9, 1958. She had been offered retirement but she preferred to remain active in the work she loved. Her death was deeply felt, not only by her colleagues at Gill's, but also by her many library friends in the region.

The illustration at the head of this article shows the early Portland waterfront on the Willamette river, and the store that the J. K. Gill Company first occupied in that city. Those who know Portland are acquainted with the present building on Southwest Fifth Avenue at Stark.



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May 1 - 3, 1959

Registration: Masonic Hall

Friday, May 1, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday, May 2, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Friday, May 1 Masonic Hall Main meeting room

2:00 - 2:30 P.M. First general session

Presiding: Margaret Hileman, President
Invocation: Rev. Gordon Dalton
Address of welcome: Mayor Richard A. Beulke
Response: Mrs. Perl Coombs, Glendive

2:30 P.M. Community Participation Workshop: Publicity, Public Relations,
Displays within the library

Presiding: Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Great Falls
Consultant: Miss Eleanor Ferguson, Exec. Secretary, ALA
Public Libraries Division

6:00 P.M. Dinner Masonic Hall Dining Room

Presiding: Miss Doris Wilson, Bozeman
Address "Working with young people"
Miss Geraldine Fenn, Assoc. State 4-H Club Leader

Saturday, May 2 Masonic Hall Main meeting room Second General Session

9:00 - 9:30 A.M. Explanation of PNBC and SLEC borrowing procedures

Presiding: Miss Rita McDonald, Assistant to the Secretary
SLEC

9:00 - 9:45 A.M. Film, "The Carpet Under Every Classroom"

9:45 - 10:30 A.M. Join session of School and Public Librarians

Presiding: Mr. William K. Pate, Billings, Chairman
Montana Association School Librarians
Address: "Cooperation between School and Public Librarians"
Miss Eleanor Ahlers, Executive Secretary
American Association of School Librarians

10:45 - 11:45 A.M. Weeding and simple mending suggestions

Presiding: Miss Doris Wilson, Bozeman
Assisted by Mrs. Bea O'Mahoney, Great Falls

10:45 - 11:45 A.M. Panel on Public Relations for the School Library

Presiding: Mrs. Greenleaf
Laurel High School Library

Consultant: Miss Eleanor Ahlers

12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Friends and Trustees Luncheon Masonic Hall Dining Room

Presiding: Mrs. Beverly Bemis, Chairman

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Hugh McNamer

Announcement: PNLA Golden Jubilee Conference, Seattle,
September 2-5, 1959
Miss Kathleen Campbell, Missoula

12:00 - 1:00 P.M. Luncheon of School and Public Librarians

1:15 - 2:30 P.M. Symposium on school library committee and the manual on
school libraries

Presiding: Eilene M. Morrison, Assisant Professor, Montana
State College

2:30 P.M. Third General Session Masonic Hall Main meeting room

Presiding: Miss Lesley Heathcote, Bozeman

Address: "Books of the Northwest"
Verne Dusenberry, Associate Professor, Montana
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"Montana Authors"

Mrs. Carl Kraenzel (Wallace Blue) Bozeman,
Miss Jo Sykes, Livingston
Miss Rita McDonald, Missoula

4:15 P.M. Business Meeting, Montana Association of School Librarians

7:00 P.M. Banquet Masonic Hall Dining Room

Presiding: Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Secretary SLEC, Missoula

Speaker: Miss Margaret Scherf, Kalispell

Sunday, May 3 Fourth General Session Masonic Hall main meeting room

9:00 A.M. Business Meeting

Presiding: Miss Margaret Hileman, President

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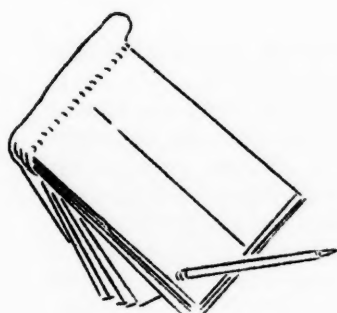
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2 Park Hotel 2nd & Call. PH: AC2-2240 John Larango	68	W/Bath \$3.75; \$10.00 trpl. WO/Bath \$2.75 sgl		50 rooms with bath Downtown location Dining room, coffee shop & meeting room
3 Anton's Motel Highway 89, Box 291 Tony Mayash	3	4 sgl \$5.00 to \$10.00 3 dbl		2 kitchenettes, 1 adjoining room, twin bed & 1 dbl bed
4 Del-Mar Motel W. of Livingston PH: AC2-3120 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Olson	18	8 sgl \$7.00 to \$15.00 10 dbl		Bath & carpeting, childrens playground
5 Island Resort Motel 9th St. Island PH: AC2-3860 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Allen Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Urbach	20	2 sgl \$7.00 to \$10.00 15 dbl		22 with baths/showers 3 with kitchens, drive- in restaurant, picnic area, free coffee and donuts served in Lodge each morning, telephone radio & TV
6 Long's DeLuxe Auto Court 816 E. Park; PH: AC2-1923 D. E. Long	14	45 \$4.00 to \$8.00		8 units with cooking facilities, groceries camera supplies, etc.
7 Parkway Motel Box 978; PH: AC2-3840 Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Patterson	19	10 twin \$7 to \$8 for 2 22 dbl \$10 to \$12 for 4		All units have baths, 6 have kitchenettes 7 2-rm & 12 1-rm units
8 Rainbow Motel E. edge of Livingston U.S. 10 & 89; PH: AC2-3780 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Troy	28	13 sgl \$5.00 to \$14.00 33 dbl		Telephone, radio, TV kitchenettes, recreation area, "AAA" HUNTING & FISHING GUIDE SERVICE
9 Ray's Motel & Apts. 323 W. Park; PH: AC2-2872 Harold Botterud	7	2 sgl \$3.50 to \$8.00 6 dbl		Modern, kitchenettes, private baths, downtown location
10 Reeder Motel PH: AC2-1960 Park Road, U.S. 89 Mrs. Irma Reeder	15	6 sgl \$5.00 up		All with bath, 10 with kitchens, 6 with refig. Special rate for sgl. persons
11 Three Flags Inn 312 E. Park Mrs. Agnes Williams	9	5 sgl \$4.00 to \$8.00 11 dbl		All with kitchens & baths/showers



NEWS AND NOTES



ELEANOR SHARPLESS STEPHENS 1892 - 1959

As we go to press, we have just learned of the death of Eleanor Sharpless Stephens, for seventeen years State Librarian of Oregon. She had been ill with cancer for sometime, and when I saw her in San Francisco last July, she was recovering from the latest of a series of operations. She had retired, effective December 31, 1958, and we had hoped that she would have at least a few years to enjoy her leisure and pursue her hobbies.

Eleanor Stephens was born in Iowa, but spent almost all her life in the west. She was a graduate of the University of Washington of the class of 1914, and her first library position was in Spokane. Three years at the Seattle Public Library were followed by seven years as Librarian at Yakima. In 1926 she deserted the Pacific Northwest for awhile to go to the Los Angeles County Library as Assistant Librarian and Chief of the Branch Division. To further her work she took courses in personnel administration at the University of Southern California in 1937. In 1941 she became State Librarian of Oregon. She was president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association in 1944/45 and of the National Association of State Librarians in 1950/51. She served on the executive council of the ALA.

Miss Stephens guided the Oregon State Library through the difficult war years and the post-war period of adjustment. Under her administration, Oregon became known in the library world for the strength of its state library and the excellence of the services offered. She was untiring in her efforts on behalf of her library and her profession.

Miss Stephens had many interests outside her profession and she gave generously of her time and her support to them. Among others, the AAUW, Federation of Women's Clubs and various conservation groups benefited from her inherent enthusiasm.

The other areas of the Pacific Northwest join Oregon in mourning the passing of a fine friend and outstanding librarian.

L.M.H.

In her Christmas note, Helen Ewing reported from Glasgow that she was snowed under, literally and figuratively. She is getting all the library business from the new Air Base plus that from the Opheim Radar Station.

And speaking of the Glasgow Library, did you see the picture of their Children's Room murals which the Library Journal carried?

Plans for a third edition of the Union List of Serials are now underway. It is hoped that publication will come in 1962. The new edition will combine into one alphabet the second edition and its two supplements, and will add much new material. Some pre-1950 serials will not be included in this new edition, and these, it is hoped, will be carried by an enlarged New Serial Titles. A full description of the program for the 3d. edition of the Union List will appear in June.

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CATALOGING IN SOURCE SEEKS ANSWERS

The Library of Congress, under a grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., is currently running an experiment in supplying cataloging information to be printed within books themselves. During the year of the experiment (July 1958 - July 1959) cataloging information is appearing in over 1000 titles being published by trade, religious, government, university, and society publishers.

As part of this testing project, the Library is eager to receive as much information as possible as to the reaction on the proposal. How would libraries use this information if it were made generally available and what effect would it have on their procedures and on their organization? Some 200 libraries of various sizes and kinds and locations have been selected for depth interviews by consultants working for LC on a Consumer Reaction Survey, but voluntary expressions are being sought from all interested libraries. Librarians are urged to write to the address below summarizing the reactions of their professional staffs to the ideas following.

It is hoped that books carrying their own cataloging information (being cataloged in source) would help libraries and their users by (a) getting new books to users faster (b) cutting the present high cost of cataloging, and (c) providing greater standardization in the identification of books. With these goals in mind, what would Cataloging in Source mean to your Library? Might it; (1) Affect your library's ordering procedures, book selection, reference, or bibliographical work (particularly if bibliographic publishers and all libraries used the same form of author and title entry)? (2) Affect your library's methods of obtaining

and preparing catalog cards? (3) Simplify or complicate your library's work? (4) Eliminate equipment or create need for new equipment? (5) Affect inter-library relationships such as library systems, centralized or cooperative cataloging or processing, library deposits, inter-library loans, union catalogs?

For the sake of greater bibliographical standardization, would you be willing to adopt the LC form of author and title entries? Always, or with specific exceptions?

You are urged to get your opinions on record by sending them (favorable or unfavorable) to the Director of this CIS Consumer Reaction Survey: Miss Esther J. Piercy, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore 1, Maryland.

MEETING OF LIBRARIANS AND EXTENSION AGENTS

On January 15 the librarians from the Five Valleys and Northwest Federations met in Missoula with agricultural and home demonstration agents of the nine counties concerned.

In opening the meeting Mrs. Longworth called attention to the fact that much impetus had been given passage of the LSA by the Extension Service's Conference on Rural Reading, held in Washington in 1951. It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that the Extension Services of the various states will still have an interest in this program. Various librarians in the federations told what had happened in their communities as a result of the LSA. Next Beverly Bemis spoke on "Areas of Cooperation" and how various groups had been inspired to work together for better library service in Mineral County. In the

discussion that followed, mention was made of the number of Home Demonstration Clubs that had taken out membership in the Friends of the Library, and the question was asked: what can we librarians do for them, and how can our association be mutually helpful? Miss Wold suggested that county agents should get better acquainted with their local libraries, should approach rural people on the recreational level and should carry with them to meetings some book that they believe will arouse interest. Another suggestion was that county agents should borrow rotating collections from the public library to keep on their shelves and refer rural people to, when they come in.

In the afternoon Carrie Koestner spoke on "How We Can Get Community

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Participation". In the course of this fine talk, she suggested that the Extension Service people have a wonderful opportunity to carry their groups on an extra step beyond the immediate project, and asked if the library could not be the means of doing this. She also reminded librarians of their obligation to make available materials that supplement community programs.

Several points of general interest were summarized:

1. In a community project, the leader and the librarian should work together from the beginning.
2. Members of the Extension Service should become more aware of the library needs of rural people, should encourage the latter to voice these needs and should themselves make the needs known to the local librarian.
3. There should be more emphasis on reading for fun.
4. Local library contacts should not be wholly by the Extension Service personnel; the latter should encourage rural people to know the library and to work with it, e.g. to have book displays at 4-H meetings.
5. National Library Week should bring participation by Home Demonstration and similar groups.

Audio-Visual Instruction

The Department of Audio-Visual Instruction of the National Education Association will meet in Seattle April 13-16. Headquarters for the Convention are at the Olympic Hotel.

The sessions will be broken down into meetings for large city school systems, those of medium-sized cities, those of small cities, audio visual programs in colleges and universities, and the potentialities of audio-visual materials in religious education.

Institute At University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota Library School is holding an Institute on Multi County and Regional Library Service on April 10 and 11. Discussion groups will be set up to deal with personnel, finance and legal matters, service points (bookmobiles, stations, branches, etc.), publicity and public relations, functions of regional headquarters. Application to attend should be made to Frederick Wezeman, The Library School, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14. Those planning to attend must make their own housing arrangements.

Public Library Reporter

An eighth title in this series will be issued in April - Plans for New Public Library Buildings. This is a very practical treatment and answers such questions as: how many square feet of floor space will accommodate a book collection of a given size plus the services that go with such a collection? What should be the seating capacity in terms of the book collection and the population served? What is the probable cost per square foot of floor space? This series is now published and sold by the ALA's Publishing Department.

Others in the series, all of interest to public librarians in Montana, are: Public Library Use of Paper-bound books; TV-How Public Libraries Use It; Friends of the Public Libraries, How They Work; Book Selection; Cooperative Practices Among Public Libraries; Contracts and Agreements for Public Library Service; Bookmobile Service Today.

Supplies and Equipment

The Council on Library Resources has made a grant of \$136,395 to the ALA for a two-year project to set up standards and to test present and future library equipment and supplies. The first step will be issuance of a handbook on such standards as now exist, and a report on current testing. A free information service for telephone or mail enquiries will be set up at ALA headquarters and regular reports will be carried in The ALA Bulletin. Eventually the plan is for establishment of a testing laboratory and the development of research programs. This should be of immense help to small libraries, both public and college and to school systems, especially in a State like ours where we are isolated from large centers of production and where it is not possible to see the equipment in action.

Summer Courses at the University of Washington

According to an announcement received from Director Lieberman, the School of Librarianship will offer two new courses during the 1959 summer session.

Supervision of Public School Library Systems will be a 2½ credit course given during the first term, June 22 to July 22. It is designed to help in the administration and supervision of district-wide school library problems.

Library Methods Analysis is a three credit course to be offered during the second term July 23 to August 21. It is intended for in-service librarians and will deal with internal management, work simplification and economic and efficient technical procedures.

Extension librarians from the western states will meet in Phoenix, Arizona March 21, 22 and 23, under the leadership of Gretchen Knief Schenk. Helen Luce will also assist. One of the main features of the meeting will be "a panel of leaders of western industry and progress who will discuss the various phases of the rapidly developing west in connection with the development of library service." We shall all be interested in hearing Ruth's report on this meeting.

SUMMER LIBRARY COURSES IN MONTANA

-Regular Courses in Library Science

Both the State College and the State University will offer courses for librarians this summer.

At Montana State College, the three basic school library courses in administration, cataloging, and selection will be offered during the first five weeks by Elene Morrison. These will total ten quarter hours. A course in Visual Education will be offered during both sessions. During the second five weeks a three hour course in reference will also be offered for school librarians, and the English course in children's literature will be given.

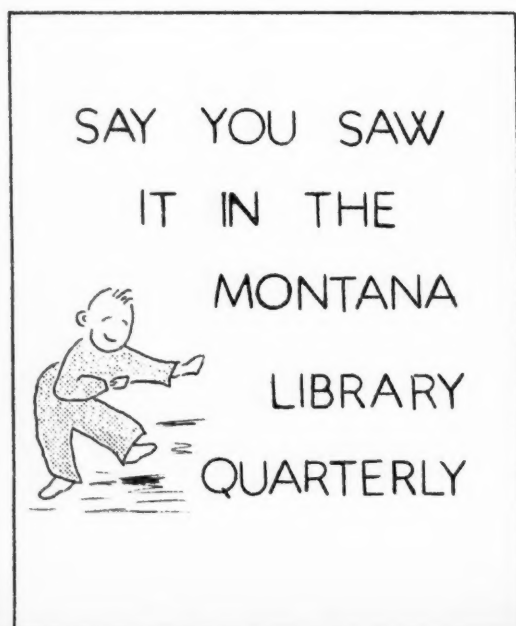
-Workshops for Librarians

During the second five weeks two workshops, one on each campus, will be offered. Alma Jacobs is joining Dick Darling for the third of a series of workshops for public school librarians. The subject is Library Public Relations and Services. This workshop will be held on the State University campus July 20-31. (Write to Dick Darling for further information) The second of the joint State College and State University workshops to develop a School Library Handbook for Montana

will be held August 3-14. This year Dick Darling will join Eilene Morrison on the State College campus. The enrollment for this is being limited to Montana school librarians who have been using the preliminary draft made last summer. (It was sent to each school from the State Department of Public Instruction) We would like to have some representatives from last year's group on the State University campus as well as other school librarians representing both the large and small schools of the state. One scholarship for the registration fees will again be available from MSLA. (Write to Eilene Morrison for information and reservations)

At the State University, five three-credit courses will be given during the first session. The courses in Children's Literature and Audio-Visual Aids will be repeated during the second five weeks. Reference Materials will also be offered during this last session.

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BOOK

REVIEW

White, Dale. Steamboat up the Missouri. (Viking, 1958).

Reviewed by Eilene Morrison

Marian Place's Steamboat Up the Missouri is a vivid chapter in the opening of the west. I found I wanted to travel along too, so my atlas was near as I read. I could not help but wish that the illustrator, Charles Geer, had included a map so that the reader could more easily visualize the journey upstream from St. Louis to Fort Benton.

The story opens in 1863 with our sixteen year old hero, David McLaren, disturbed because he is confined as a cub pilot on the glistening sternwheeler, The Osage Queen, and cannot enlist actively in war. But the danger of an Indian uprising too, threatens the Union already at war. Annuity goods, promised by the government as payment, were not reaching the Indians. Unscrupulous traders and federal agents seeking personal profit were endangering the treaties made with the red men. A few men, among them Dave's father Douglas McLaren, held the trust of the tribal leaders. He pledges to take the "nooties" to the tribes in a desperate effort to keep the peace. And so Dave joins his father on the old sternwheeler, The Eagle, as they race upstream to fulfill their promise. How Dave shares this adventure as they race a rival boat, how he takes command and deals successfully with the Indians, and brings the old steamboat to Fort Benton, is a thrilling account for young people.

It is told simply but with feeling and the characters are real people to the reader. Names may have differed but he feels that it really happened in the history of our region.

As her biography of John Wesley Powell moved rapidly, with vigor like the man, this tale assumes the steady, plowing, deliberate motion of a sternwheeler. It is also interesting that only once, briefly, did a girl enter into the plot. Yet, even without a character for the girls to identify themselves with, I am sure they as well as boys will enjoy the story. Young people, even below high school age will find this a thrilling episode in the history of the West and Montana. Through biography and fiction, Mrs. Place has succeeded in bringing the West to the young reader.

Next issue we hope to have reviews of both Marian Place's and Jo Sykes' new 1959 books.

NEWS FROM THE SLEC

The past two months have been a time of concern at Commission Headquarters while we await news of the decision of the Legislative Assembly on the amount of the Commission budget. Three trips to Helena with Kathleen Campbell, chairman of the Commission and Mrs. Leo Graybill, chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Montana State Library Association, gave us three opportunities to meet with both the sub-committee and with the full

Committee on Appropriations. We do not know at this time how we will fare. We do know that all of you have done a splendid job with your letters and telegrams urging full support and that there is not a member of the legislature who has not heard about the Commission. If it is true as we have always believed it to be true that the legislators try to carry out the wishes of the people, we should have their very best consideration.

Peggy Gadbrow has joined the Commission staff as Head of Technical Processing. Peggy is a graduate of Montana State University with a major in Library Science. She will also assist with field work and has made several trips in the Five Valleys Federation with Rita McDonald. Their trip to Superior was a rather grim introduction for Peggy, for the road was a sheet of ice under a heavy fall of snow. The car skidded alarmingly, turned completely around and plunged down a twenty-foot embankment. Miraculously, neither of them was hurt and the car was only slightly damaged.

On January 15, we had a most successful workshop with the Agricultural Extension and Home Demonstration Agents of western Montana. Board members and librarians from both Northwest Montana and the Five Valleys Federations of libraries attended. Ways and means of coordinating the services of the libraries with the program of the Extension service were explored. We hope this will be the first of many such workshops throughout the state for as it was brought out in this meeting, both programs are designed to enrich the lives of the rural people and both can gain by working in close accord.

On February 3, Rita and I attended a meeting of the Corvallis P.T.A. where I talked on the work of the School Library Committee and showed

the film "Carpet Under Every Classroom". Attendance was excellent and interest in improved school library service very high indeed. Mrs. Helen Micka, the school librarian has done an exceptional job of public relations here. In Thompson Falls on February 23rd, Rita and Peggy attended an evening meeting of the P.T.A. to explore the possibilities of county support so that Sanders County can continue to participate in the Five Valleys Federation. The group decided to spearhead a committee of representatives of various groups in Thompson Falls to make known the facts about the Federation and the cost of its continuance. This committee could in turn get in touch with leaders throughout the county. It is planned to get an expression of opinion from each community and then meet with the County Commissioners.

Inez Herrig called a meeting of the Board of the Northwest Federation on Wednesday evening, February 25th, I went up the day before to meet with the librarians Tuesday evening and on the afternoon of the next day. Wednesday morning Inez and I made a quick trip to see Mable Engelter's lovely new library at Whitefish, then brought Mable back to Kalispell for the afternoon meeting. Plans were made at the evening meeting so that this Federation can continue on a self-supporting basis. Comment from the Board was most gratifying on the success of the program here and there is every assurance that the Federation will continue.

On my way home, I stopped in Polson to see the Commissioners of Lake County. Mrs. Hazel Kennick, the County Clerk and Recorder, had written asking me to come so that the Board could know more about the bookmobile service and if possible, budget for this for the next year. Our meeting was very pleasant and will be productive, I feel sure.

Alma Jacobs and I conducted a workshop on Story Telling in Conrad on Saturday, February 28. A Saturday Story Hour is one of the many new services offered by this library and the committee from the Friends of the Library who have charge of this feature requested this workshop.

On Monday, March 2nd, Alma and I spent the day at the Choteau Library doing a job of weeding. That evening we spoke with a group from Choteau and the surrounding county. After showing the film "Yours for the Asking", we discussed the possibility of a contract between Teton County and the Great Falls Library, patterned after the plan that is in effect with Conrad and Pondera County and Great Falls. Here interest was high and a county-wide committee will be appointed to investigate the possibilities.

My calendar is filled with invitations to visit in many other areas in the state in the near future, to discuss ways for improvement of library service. Certainly we have evidence of a tremendous surge of interest in books and reading in the state. I sincerely hope that every one of us will take full advantage of the nation-wide publicity that we will have and make National Library Week a memorable time in every spot in Montana. Let us sound our wares, point up the value of what we are doing and remind every Montanan to "Wake up and Read."

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The A.L.A. Council

Ruth O. Longworth

Your A.L.A. Council representative was unable to attend the Chicago Midwinter meeting. Pressure of duties at home and the need to be on call for possible meetings with the Appropriations Committee of the Montana Legislative Assembly made it inadvisable to attend the Council meeting this year.

